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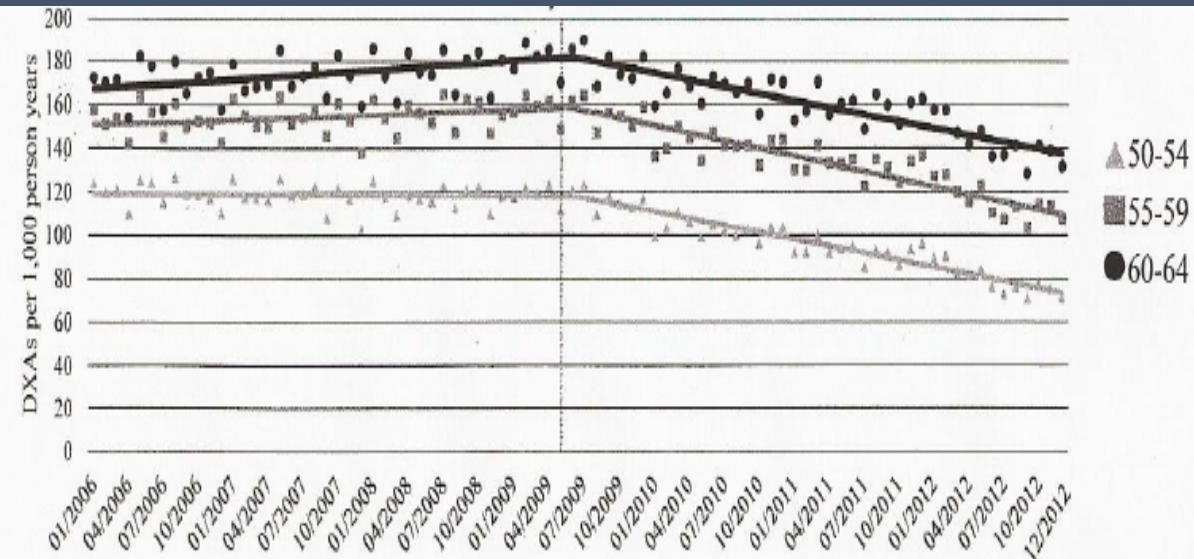
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# Update in Postmenopausal Osteoporosis

1. Underdiagnoses and under treatment-why?
2. Selection of the high risk patients
3. Drug Holidays
4. New therapies

# Declining DXA Testing



2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
119.7	118.1	117.8	117.9	103	92.8	79.3	50-54
152.3	153.3	155.6	157	141.5	132.3	115.1	55-59
169.9	172.5	176.1	179.7	167.5	159.2	142	60-64

**Fig. 1.** Dual energy X-ray absorptiometry utilization in women aged 50–64 yr per 1000 person years by month (2006–2012) with seasonal adjustment.

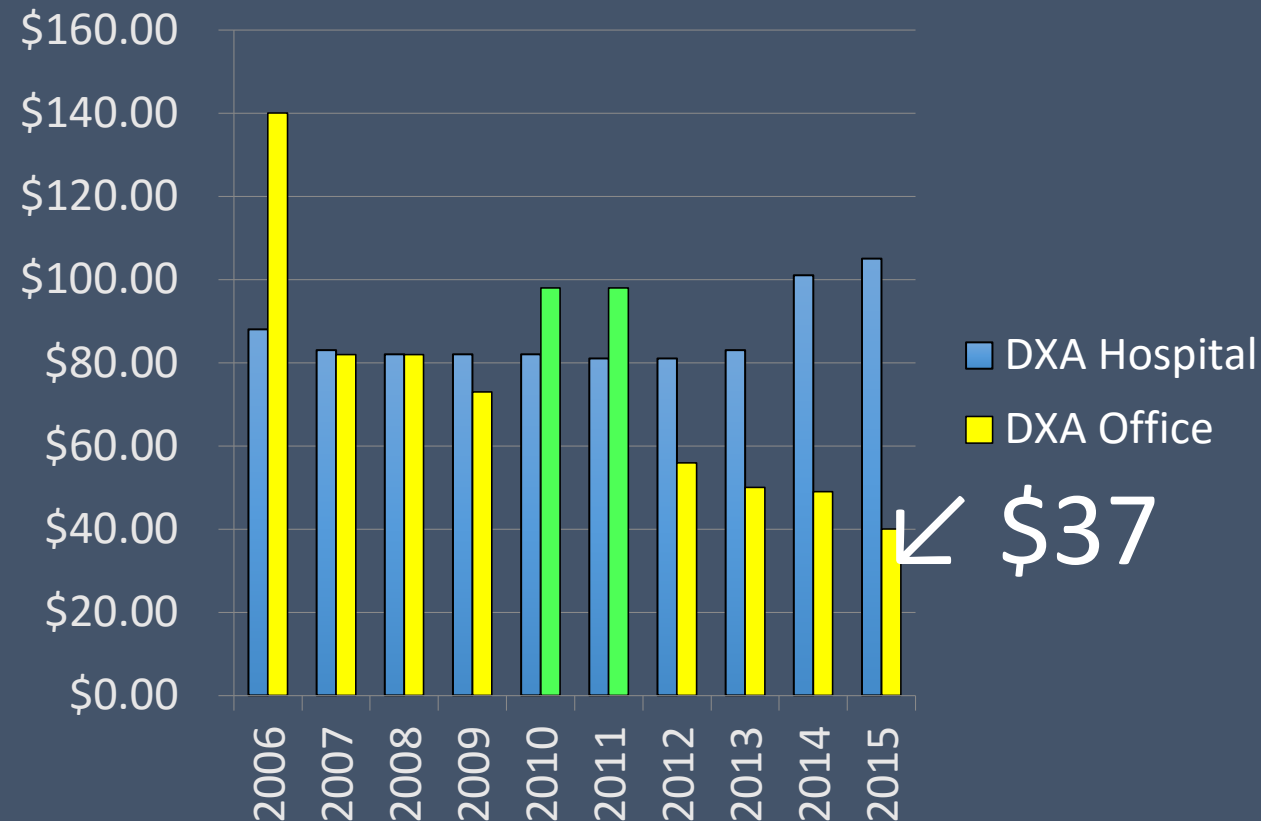
# Access to DXA Testing is Declining in Colorado



- DXA testing of 65+ yo women in Colorado peaked in 2007, when Medicare started cutting DXA reimbursement.
- Since 2007, 28 DXA sites have stopped providing DXA in Colorado.
- Between 2009-2012, testing of women 65+ declined by 22% in Colorado. (despite USSG and USPSTF endorsing population screening)
- From 2009-2012, 14,551 fewer women had DXA tests that likely resulted in:
  - 122 additional hip fractures
  - 24 additional deaths
  - \$4,889,286 in estimated additional costs to Medicare.

# Comparison of Medicare DXA Payment 2006-15: Hospital vs. Office

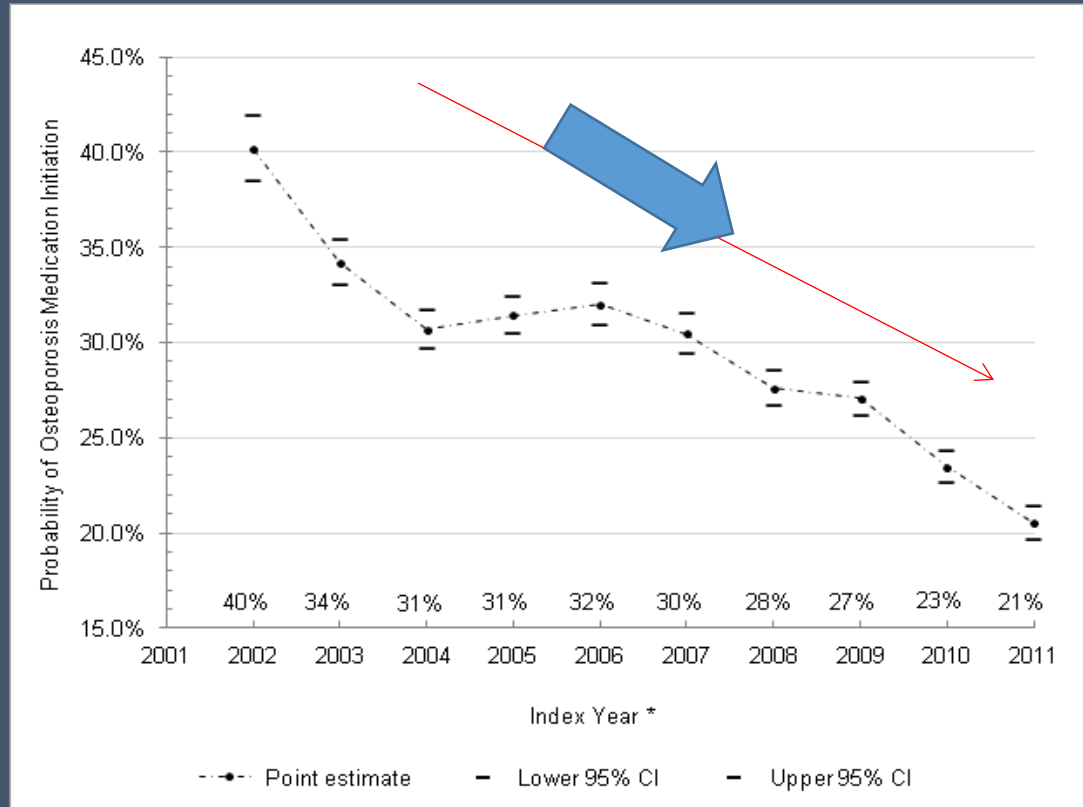
DXA Office Payment Dropped by 75% While Hospital rates Increased by 22%



Breakeven \$96

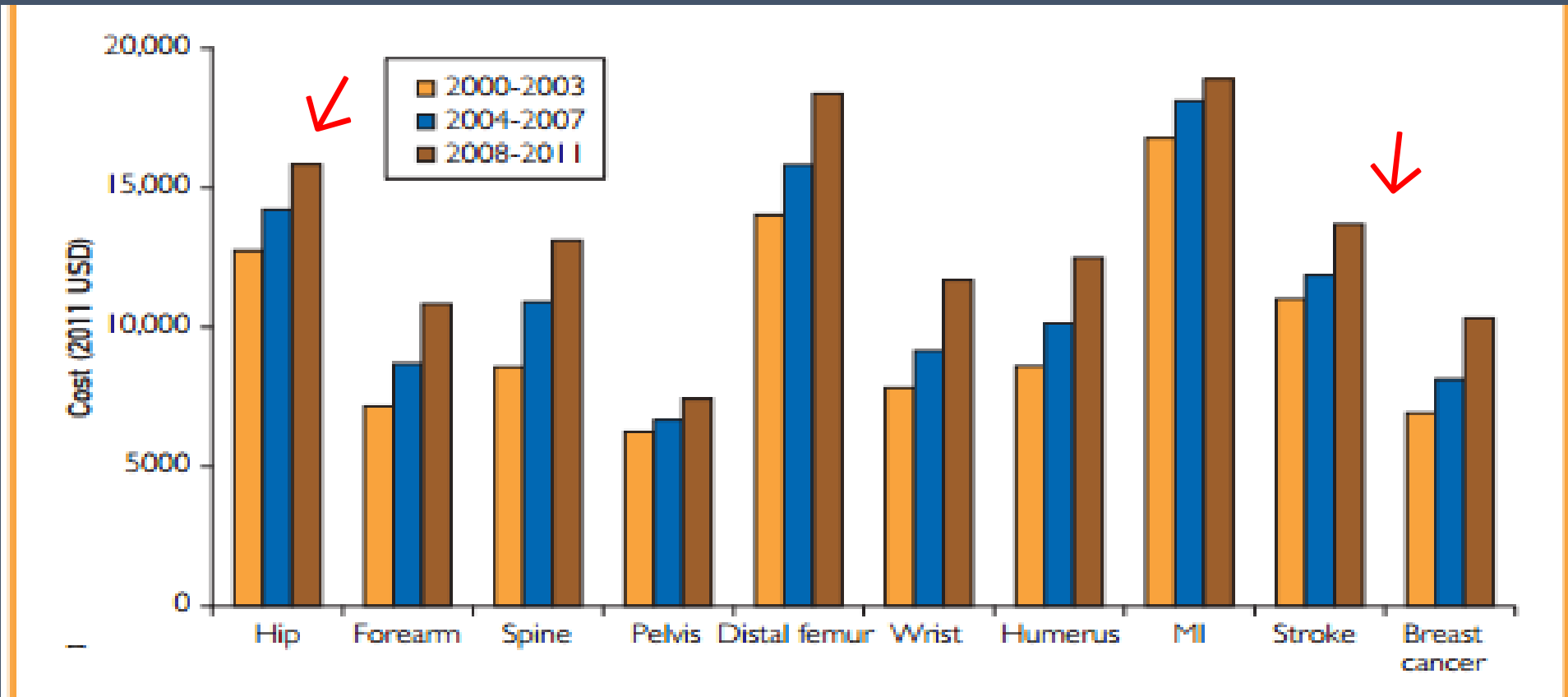
HR Bill 281 : National average \$98

# Annual Unadjusted Probability of Osteoporosis Medication Use after Discharge from Hospital for Hip Fracture



Solomon D et al JBMR 2014

# Annual Cost per Hospitalization



**FIGURE 2.** (A) Average length of stay and (B) cost<sup>a</sup> per hospitalization for osteoporotic fracture<sup>b</sup> and other diseases of interest. <sup>a</sup>Cost is estimated by applying a cost-to-charge ratio to the reported charges of each admission. All costs are inflated to 2011 dollars using the Consumer Price Index. <sup>b</sup>Only the primary diagnosis was used to determine inclusion; patients with a major trauma diagnosis, and patients receiving revisions or removal of orthopedic devices were excluded.

Mayo Clinic Proc 2015



Why are DXA Utilization and Osteoporosis  
Treatments Decreasing ?

While The annual costs for  
the care for  
osteoporotic fractures are  
increasing ?

# Send Less Confusing Messages



# HOW LONG TO TREAT?

- Usually not a question for other chronic diseases
  - Hypertension
  - Dyslipidemia
  - Diabetes
  - CHF
- For Osteoporosis : “Is not, is probably not, perhaps is not, maybe not yet; it’ll be over.....”

Miller PD Exp Opinion Pharmacotherapy 2003

Bonnick SL JCD 2011

Khosla S et al JCEM 2012

McClung MR et al Am J Med 2012

Strim O et al OI 2015

McClung MR OI 2015

Adler R et al JBMR 2016

Black D and Rosen C NEJM 2016

I Started My Holiday One Year Ago, and I don't know how to judge whether it's over !



Moses and God 1313 BC



Holidays from pharmaceuticals for “our” chronic disease  
has confused more than clarify

September 9, 2011  
FDA Advisory Committee Hearing on Bisphosphonate Duration  
of Use

1. Little evidence of continual efficacy beyond 5 years
2. Safety concerns re atypical sub trochanteric femur fractures with longer term use

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/dvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/Drugs/ReproductiveHealthDrugs/AdvisoryCommittee/UCM278481.pdf>

FEAR



Australian Broadcasting Company. ONJ with bisphosphonates. Dec 11, 2007.

Incident rate: 0.9/100,000 patient year exposure  
Baim S and Miller JBMR 2012



# ASBMR Reports on Atypical Femoral Fractures

Journal of Bone and Mineral Research  
**JBMR**

Perspective

**Atypical subtrochanteric and diaphyseal femoral fractures: Report of a task force of the american society for bone and mineral Research<sup>†</sup>**

Elizabeth Shane<sup>‡</sup>, David Burr<sup>‡</sup>, Peter R Ebeling, Bo Abrahamsen, Robert A Adler, Thomas D Brown, Angela M Cheung, Felicia Cosman, Jeffrey R Curtis, Richard Dell, David Dempster, Thomas A Einhorn, Harry K Genant, Piet Geusens, Klaus Klaushofer, Kenneth Koval, Joseph M Lane, Fergus McKiernan, Ross McKinney, Alvin Ng, Jeri Nieves, Regis O'Keefe, Socrates Papapoulos, Howe Tet Sen, Marjolein CH van der Meulen, Robert S Weinstein, Michael Whyte

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Volume 25, Issue 11, pages 2267–2294, November 2010



No Causality Established

- Shane E et al JBMR 2010
- Shane E et al JBMR 2014

# Different Results With Different Definitions

Criteria	2011 Schilcher	2013 Schilcher
Total # of AFFs	59	80
AFFs w/ BP Use	46 (78%)	49 (61%)
AFFs w/ No BP Use	13 (22%)	31 (39%)
Total # of Subtroch/Shaft	322	277
Subtroch/Shaft w/ BP Use	72 (22%)	69 (25%)
Subtroch/Shaft w/ No BP Use	250 (78%)	208 (75%)

# Bisphosphonate “Drug Holiday”

- 1. Not a topic of discussion when BP 1<sup>st</sup> launched (1995)
- 2. Became a consideration after July 9, 2002 (WHI JAMA publication) when BP Rx increased in younger post-menopausal women.
- 3. Became more widely discussed after FLEX (Black D et al JAMA 2006), and the better science defining BP Pharmacology became available (Russell G Ol, 1970 and Bone 2010).
- 4. FRAX™ also drove the drug holiday discussion in women who, by the FRAX™ calculation had been at low risk before bisphosphonates were started.
- 5. Still, not a standard of care in the USA, though the FDA, and most other “bone” professional societies suggest considering a holiday in lower risk patients after 3-5 years of use.

# Should Drug Holidays Be Considered? (or Revaluated) ?

- YES
- But consider ONLY in lower risk patients:
- no prior fracture, T-scores  $> -2.0$ , and younger age ( $<65$  years)
- and.....
- Because we have no data on patients with steroid use, stage 3-5 CKD, diabetes mellitus and other diseases that alter bone quality and increase fall risk (Parkinsons, MS, etc) one must use caution and clinical judgement in any patient not “fitting” the strict randomization criteria of **FLEX (Fosamax Long-Term Extension Black D et al JAMA 2006)**

# High Risk

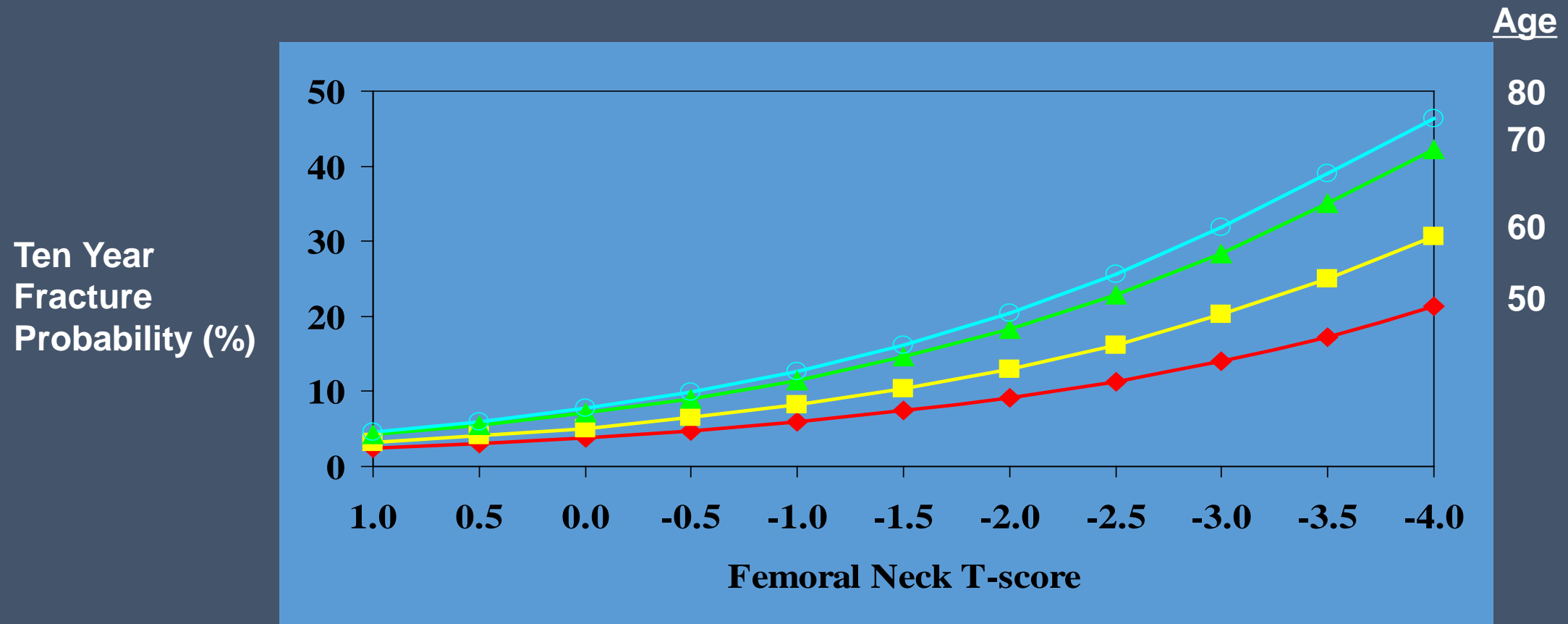
- 1. Prior low trauma fracture after 50 years of age
- 2. Low bone mineral density (BMD) and older age (> 65 years)
- 3. High FRAX™ score
- 4. Risk factors not captured in FRAX: falls, diabetes mellitus, higher dose of glucocorticoids, stage 3-5 CKD, frailty.

# Prior Fracture Is a Strong Predictor of Future Fractures

Prior Fracture	Future Fractures		
	Wrist	Vertebra	Hip
Wrist	3.3	1.7	1.9
Vertebra	1.4	4.4	2.3
Hip	NA	2.5	2.3

Klotzbuecher CM, et al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2000;15:721.

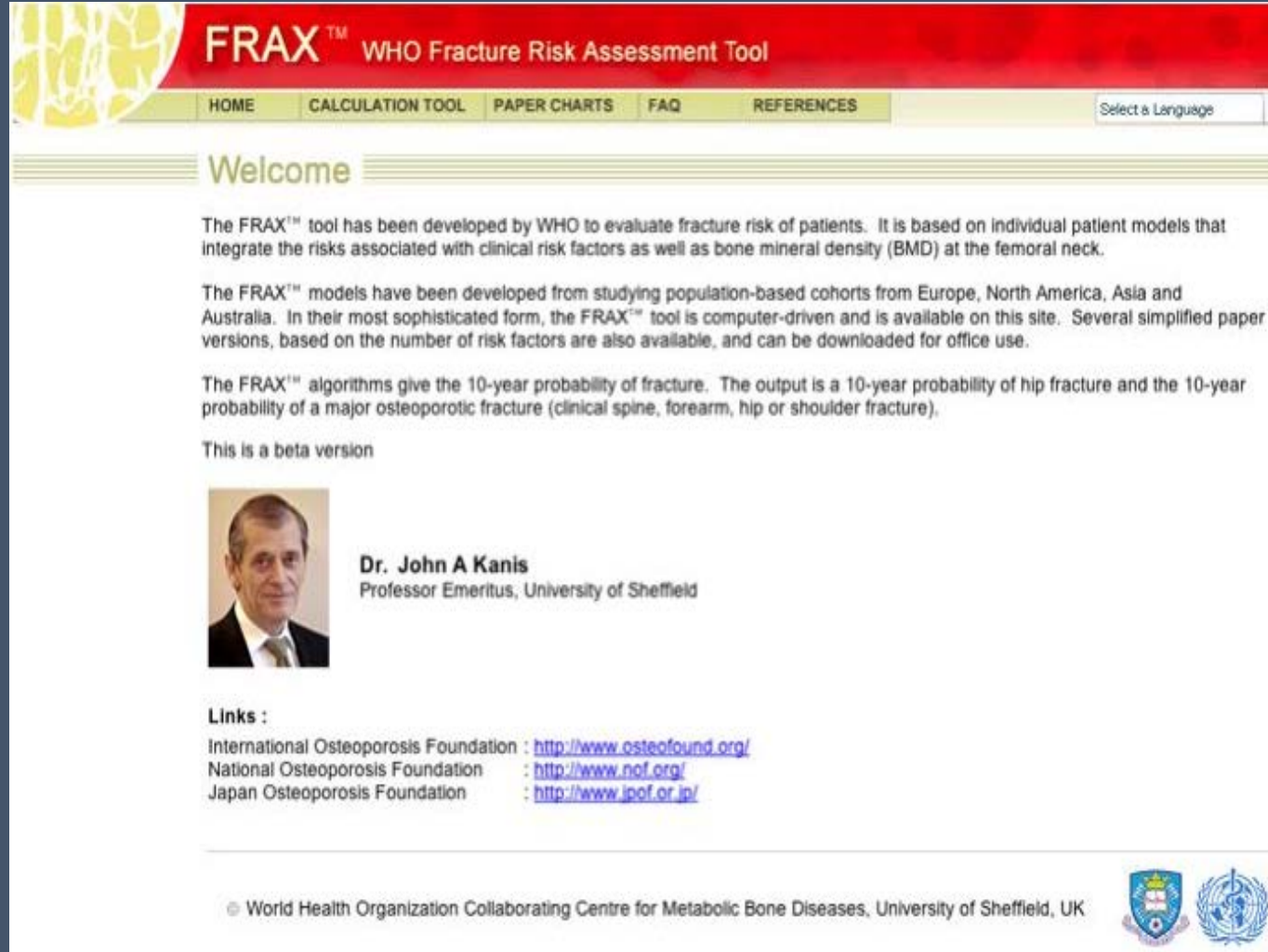
# Age is an Independent Risk Factor for Osteoporotic Fractures



Adapted from: Kanis JA et al. *Osteoporosis Int.* 2001;12:989-995.

# FRAX<sup>tm</sup>: The WHO Fracture Risk Assessment Tool

[www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/](http://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/)



The screenshot shows the FRAX WHO Fracture Risk Assessment Tool website. The header is red with the FRAX logo and title. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: HOME, CALCULATION TOOL, PAPER CHARTS, FAQ, and REFERENCES. There is also a language selection dropdown. The main content area has a 'Welcome' section with three paragraphs of text. Below this is a portrait of Dr. John A Kanis, Professor Emeritus at the University of Sheffield. Underneath the portrait is a 'Links' section with three links to the International Osteoporosis Foundation, National Osteoporosis Foundation, and Japan Osteoporosis Foundation. At the bottom, there is a footer with the text '© World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Metabolic Bone Diseases, University of Sheffield, UK' and two logos: the University of Sheffield and the WHO.

**FRAX<sup>TM</sup> WHO Fracture Risk Assessment Tool**

HOME CALCULATION TOOL PAPER CHARTS FAQ REFERENCES Select a Language ▼


## Welcome

The FRAX<sup>TM</sup> tool has been developed by WHO to evaluate fracture risk of patients. It is based on individual patient models that integrate the risks associated with clinical risk factors as well as bone mineral density (BMD) at the femoral neck.

The FRAX<sup>TM</sup> models have been developed from studying population-based cohorts from Europe, North America, Asia and Australia. In their most sophisticated form, the FRAX<sup>TM</sup> tool is computer-driven and is available on this site. Several simplified paper versions, based on the number of risk factors are also available, and can be downloaded for office use.

The FRAX<sup>TM</sup> algorithms give the 10-year probability of fracture. The output is a 10-year probability of hip fracture and the 10-year probability of a major osteoporotic fracture (clinical spine, forearm, hip or shoulder fracture).



This is a beta version



**Dr. John A Kanis**  
Professor Emeritus, University of Sheffield

**Links :**  
International Osteoporosis Foundation : <http://www.osteofound.org/>  
National Osteoporosis Foundation : <http://www.nof.org/>  
Japan Osteoporosis Foundation : <http://www.jpof.or.jp/>

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# WHO Risk Factors Estimate 10-year Risk of Fracture

→ Age (40-90)

- Prior fragility fracture
- Parental history of hip fracture
- Current tobacco smoking
- Ever long-term use of glucocorticoids
- Rheumatoid arthritis or
- Other secondary causes
- Alcohol intake 3 or more units daily
- Low BMD

## Treat:

10 year risk major fracture > 20%

Hip fracture > 3%

Thresholds health-economic modelling

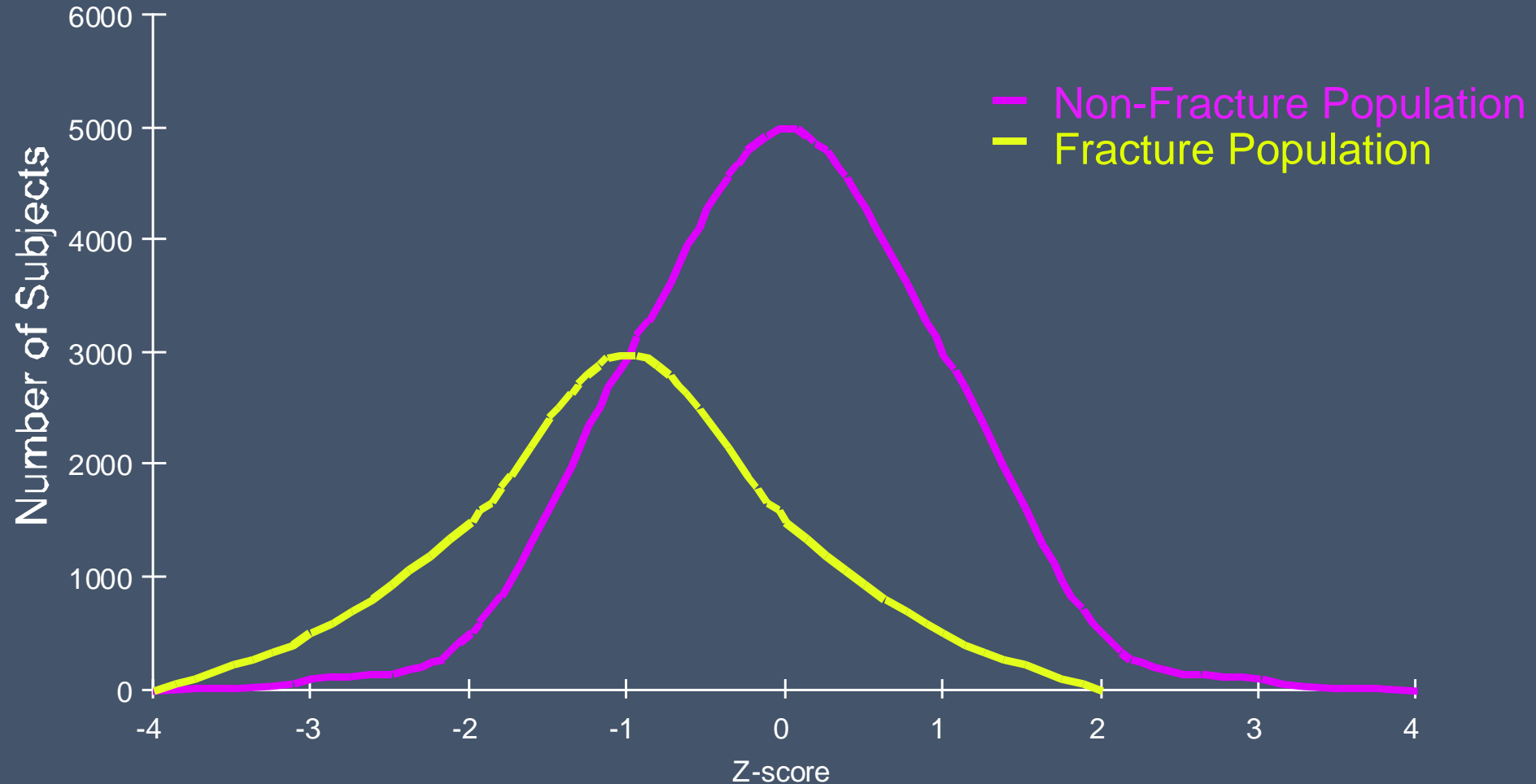
*Kanis, et. al., Osteoporosis Int, 2008; 19:385-397*



## Fracture Risk Is a Gradient, Not a Threshold

- Fracture risk is similar at comparable age for a:
  - T-score =  $-2.4$  (osteopenia) and T-score =  $-2.6$  (osteoporosis) in spite of **different diagnostic categories**
- Fracture risk is much higher at comparable age for a:
  - T-score of  $-5.0$  compared with a T-score of  $-2.5$  in spite of the **same diagnostic categories (osteoporosis)**

# BMD Overlaps in Patients With and Without Fractures



Watts NB et al Endocrine Practice 2010

Bone Strength



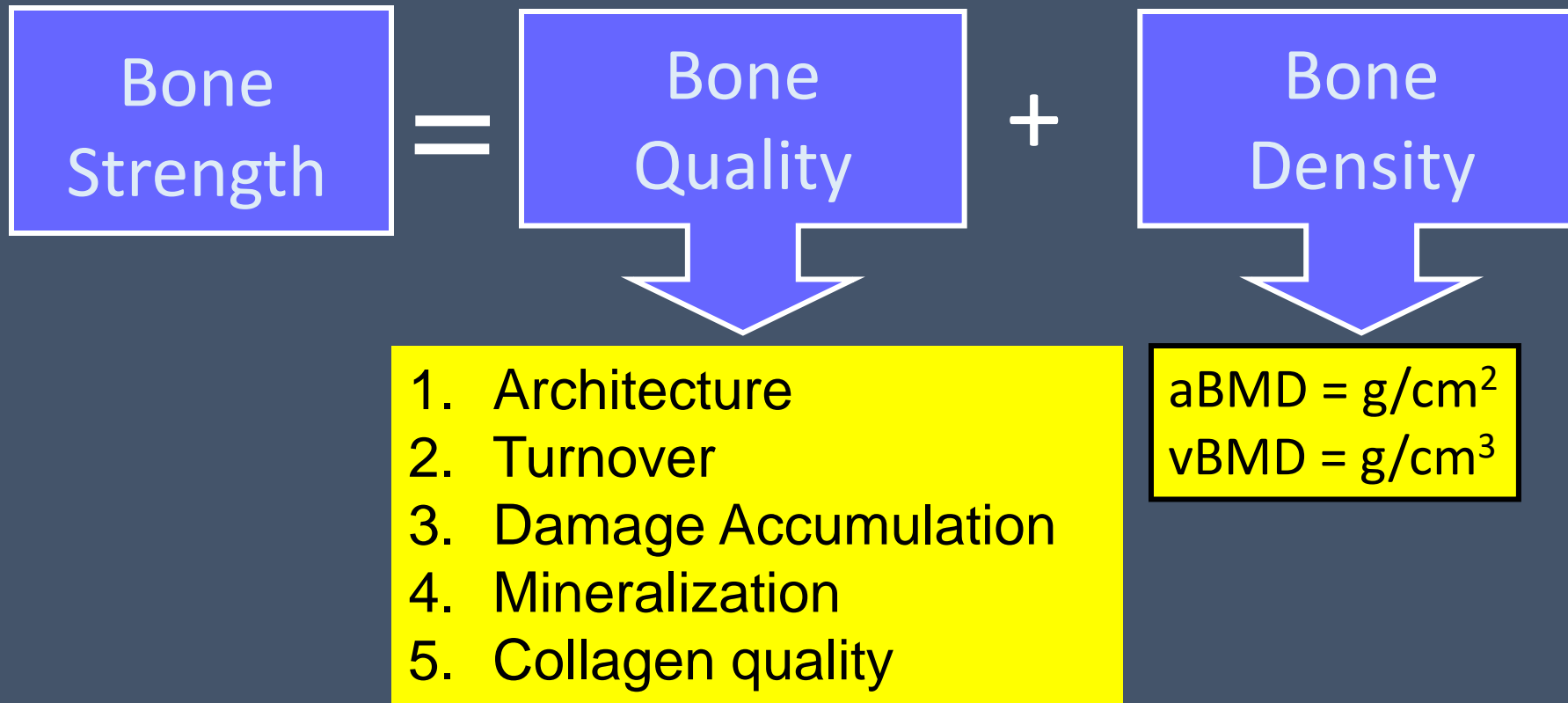
•Bone Density

•Bone Quality



# Osteoporosis

Compromises Bone Strength  
Increases Risk of Fracture





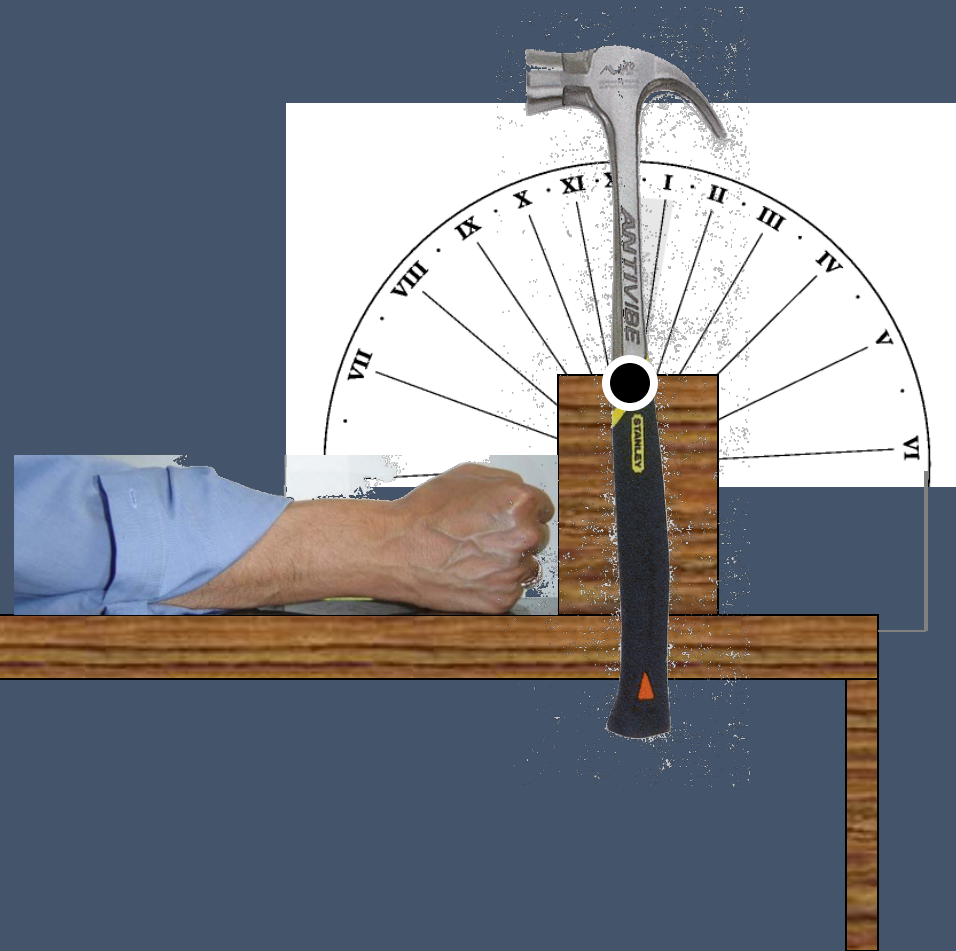
# How Do We Measure Bone Quality?

- There is no readily available clinical method for assessing bone quality or microarchitecture
- BMD and bone turnover markers will continue to play a role in the assessment of response to osteoporosis therapy
- Bone quality is dependent on factors other than BMD such as: bone turnover, secondary mineralization, cortical porosity, bone size, health of osteocytes, and the health and structure of trabeculae

**TBS (trabecular bone score) a new “Grey Scale” derived from DXA is a partial measure of bone quality**

# The Office-Based Bone Quality Measurement Tool

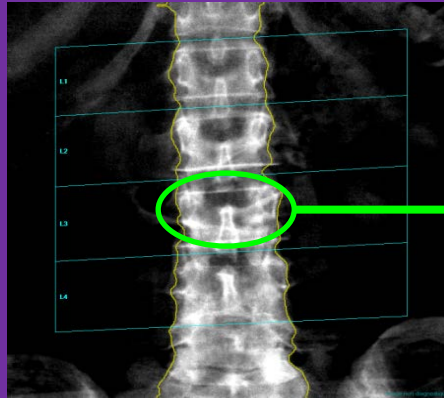
# Dr. P. Miller's Patented Bone Quality Meter



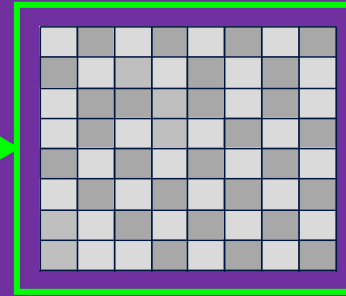
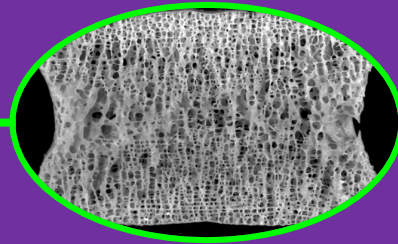


# Example of Different Bone Texture (TBS) Despite Same L1-L4 BMD

Two patients with Same L1-L4 BMD

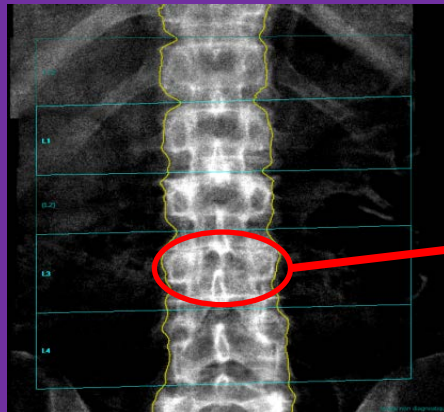
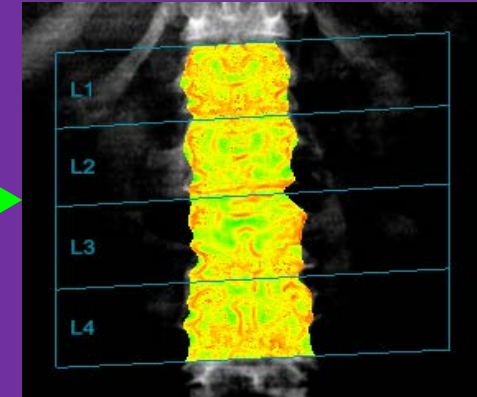


Normal trabecular Bone architecture

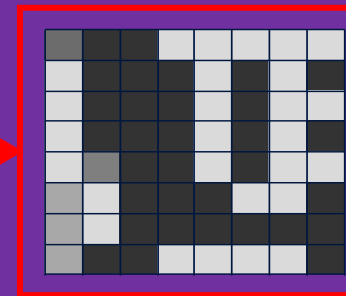
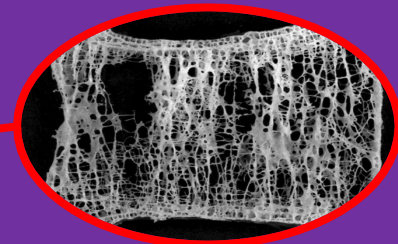


Homogeneous:  
High TBS

TBS L1-L4: 1.457

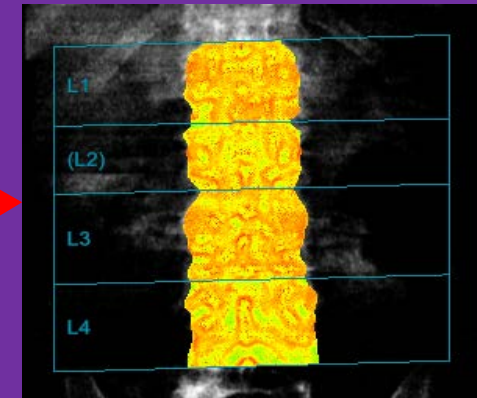


Degraded trabecular bone architecture



Heterogeneous:  
Low TBS

TBS L1-L4: 1.132



# TBS: How is the Number Interpreted?

BMD	TBS
Normal T-score $\geq -1$	normal TBS $\geq 1.350$
Osteopenia $-1 < \text{T-score} < -2.5$	partially degraded $1.200 < \text{TBS} < 1.350$
Osteoporosis T-score $\leq -2.5$	degraded TBS $\leq 1.200$

# TBS Data Can be Used to Adjust FRAX

## FRAX adjusted for TBS

WHO FRAX web siteWhat is TBS?Calculation ToolReferencesTBS web siteEnglish

### Calculation tool

Country: **US (Caucasian)**

Name/ID: -

Age: 58

Sex: Female

BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>): 23.3

Please enter the Trabecular Bone Score to compute the ten year probability of fracture adjusted for TBS

Lumbar Spine TBS:

Attention: TBS values are accurate only for patients (women and men) with a BMI in the range [15 – 37 kg/m<sup>2</sup>]

The 10 year probability of fracture (%)  
Adjusted for TBS

Major Osteoporotic Fracture: 23

Hip Fracture: 2.4

**00000448**

Individuals with fracture risk assessed since April 15, 2015

8. Glucocorticoids ☒ No ☐ Yes

9. Rheumatoid arthritis ☒ No ☐ Yes

Hip Fracture

If you have a TBS value, click here:

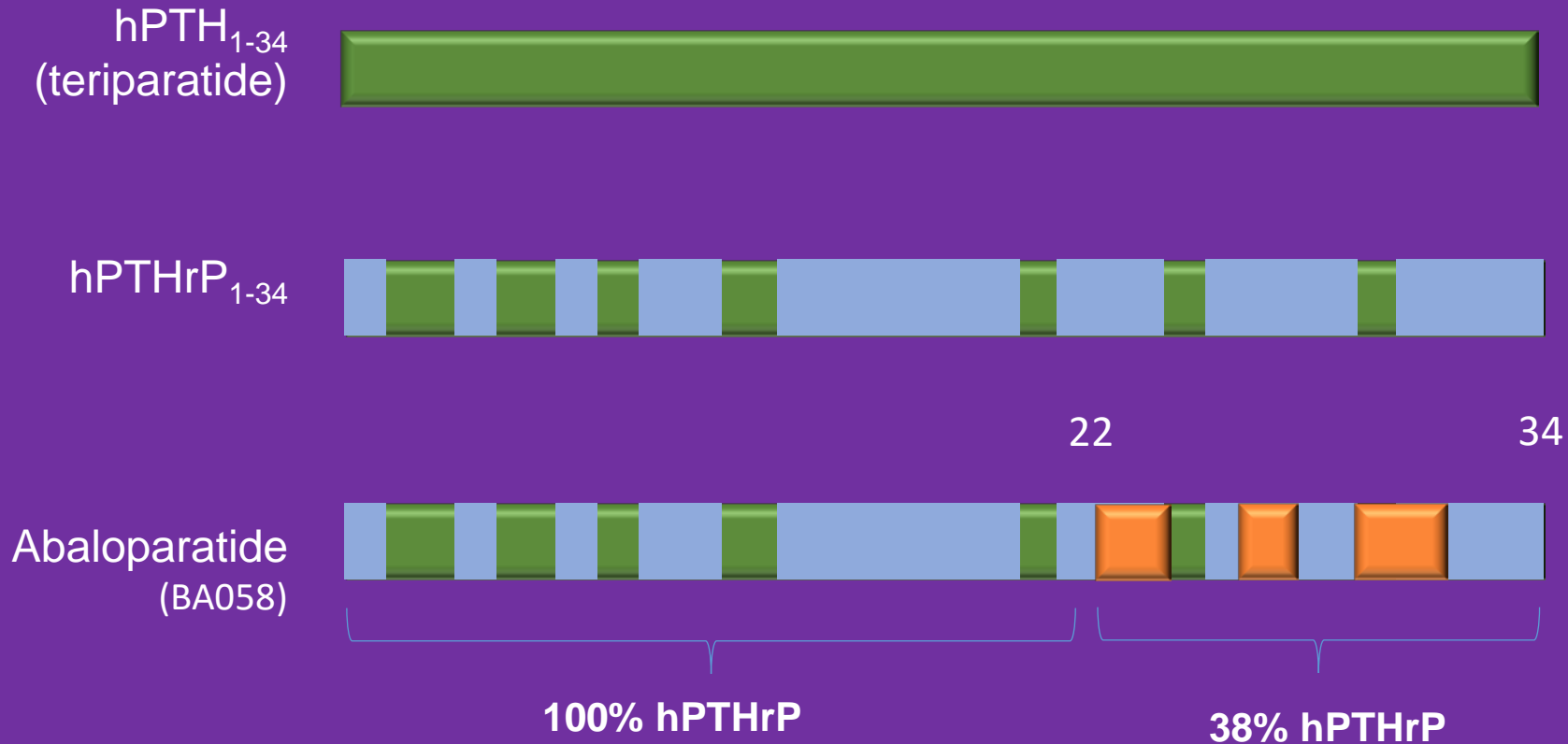
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Individuals with fracture risk assessed since 1st June 2011

## Efficacy Data Based upon Pivotal Clinical Trials

Agent	Vertebral	Nonvert	Hip
Estrogen	+	+	+
Alendronate	+	+	+
Risedronate	+	+	+
Zoledronic acid	+	+	+
Ibandronate	+	- *	-
Denosumab	+	+	+
Strontium	+	+	- *
Raloxifene	+	-	-
Calcitonin	+	-	-
Teriparatide	+	+	-

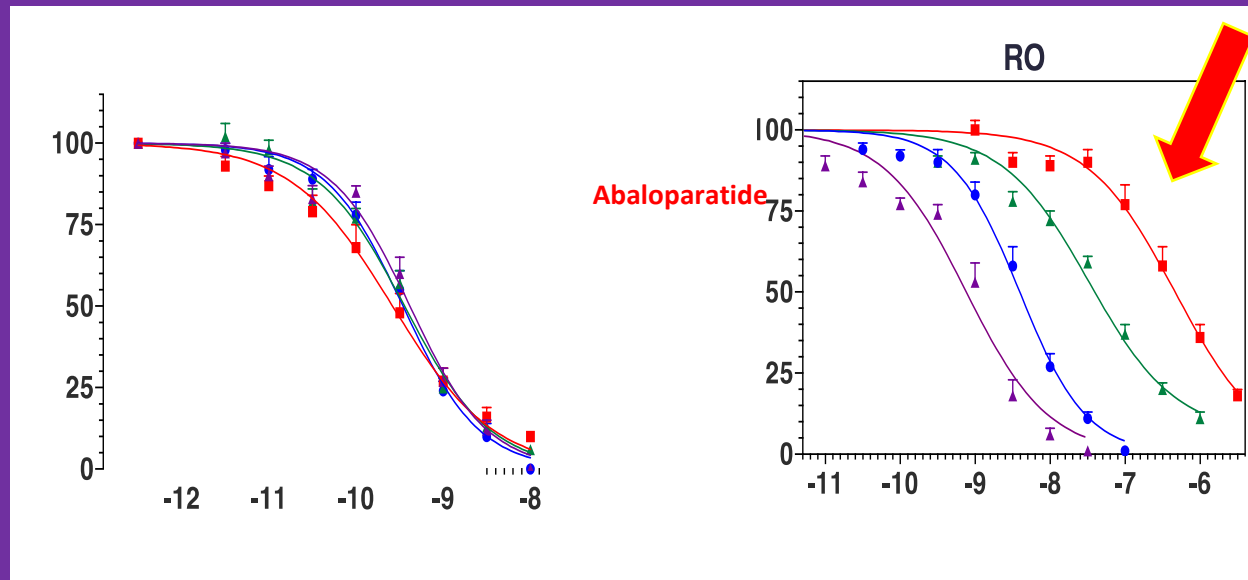
# Novel Amino-Acid Sequence of Abaloparatide and PTH/PTHrP homology



Functionally important amino acid replacements  
at positions between residues 22-34

# Abaloparatide

- Abaloparatide is a novel synthetic peptide analog of hPTHrP(1-34)
- Enhanced PTH1 Receptor RG/RO selectivity as compared to PTH or PTHrP (ENDO 2014 Hattersley et al)

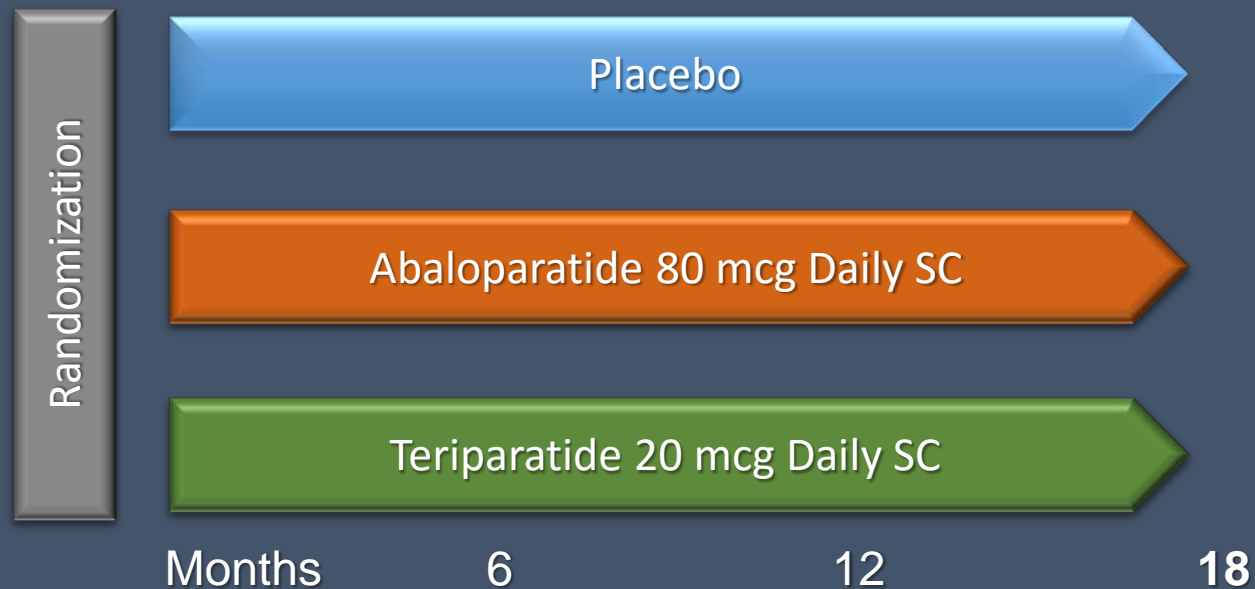


Preferential stimulation of RO  
PTH osteoblast receptor may induce  
less OB production of Rank-L

- Preclinical demonstration of significant BMD increases, restoration of bone microarchitecture, and increased bone strength (ENDO 2015 Bahar et al)

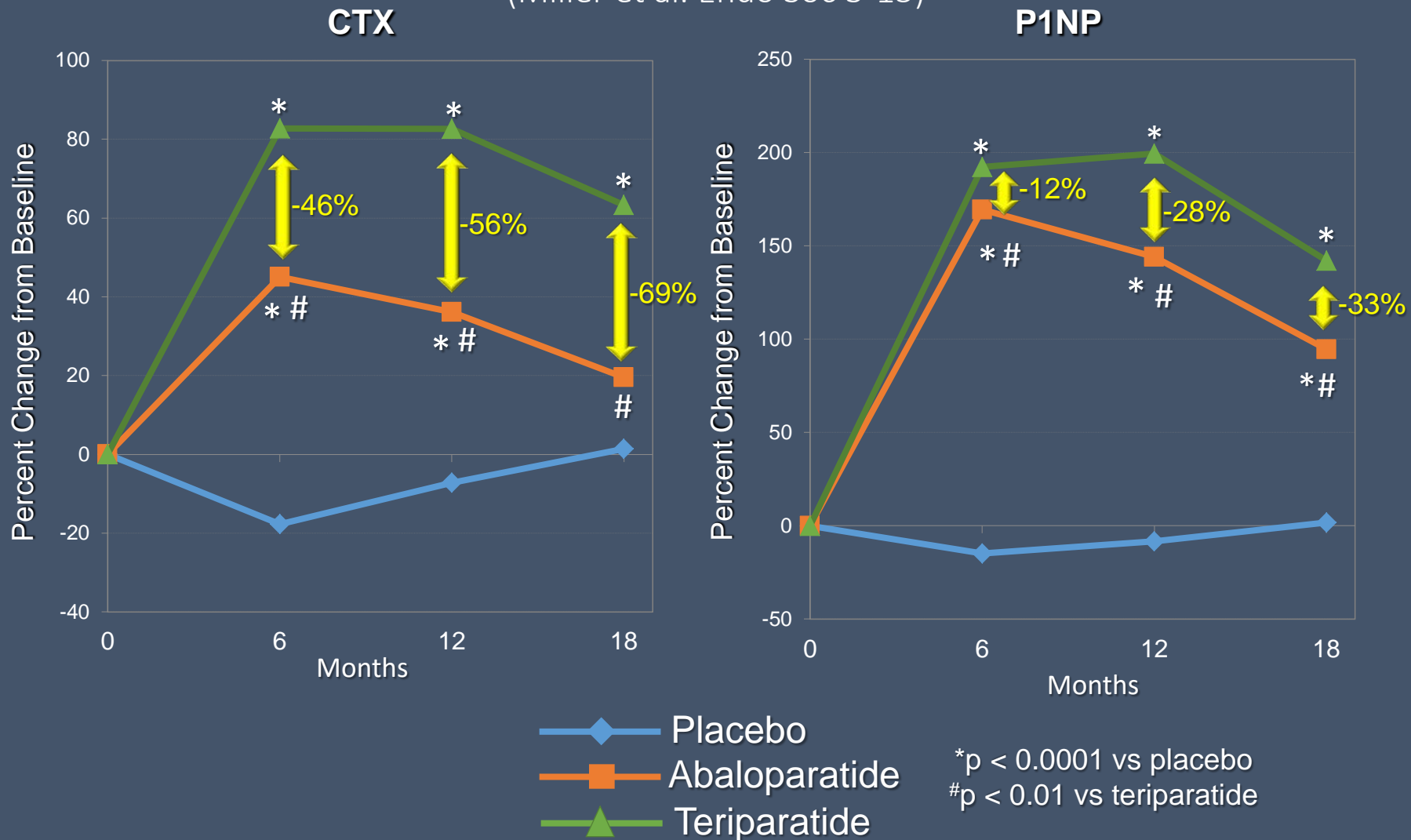
# Phase 3 Trial Design of Abaloparatide Clinical Trial

N = 2463



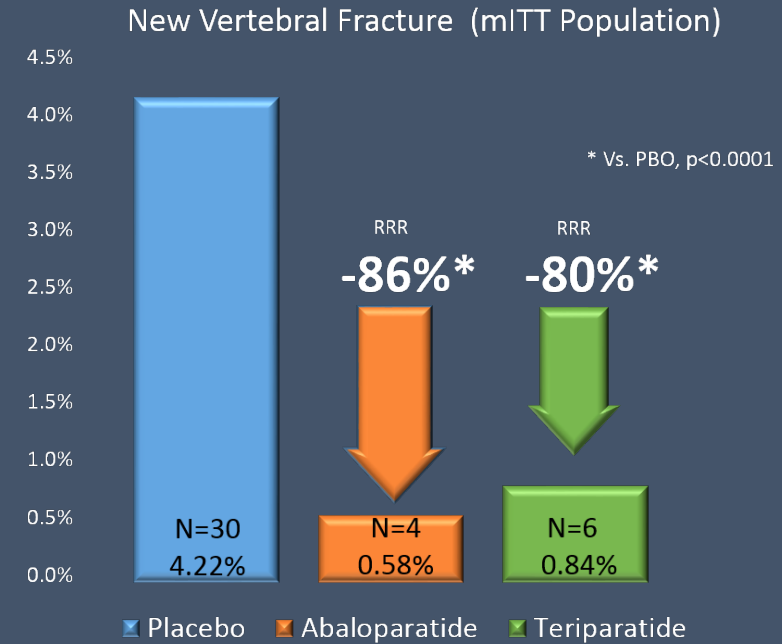
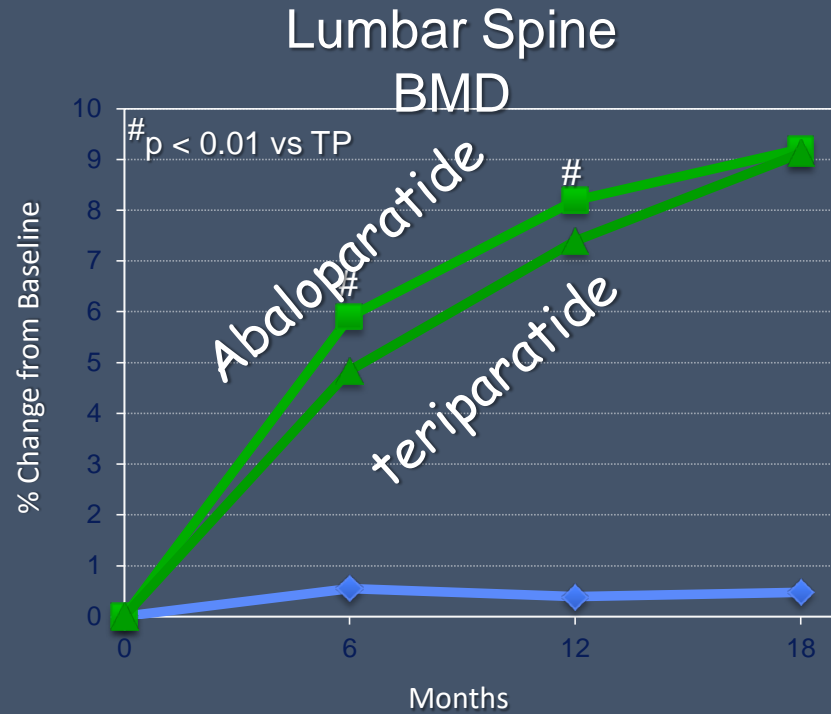
# Changes in Bone Turnover Markers: Abaloparatide vs. Teriparatide vs. Placebo

(Miller et al. Endo Soc 3-15)





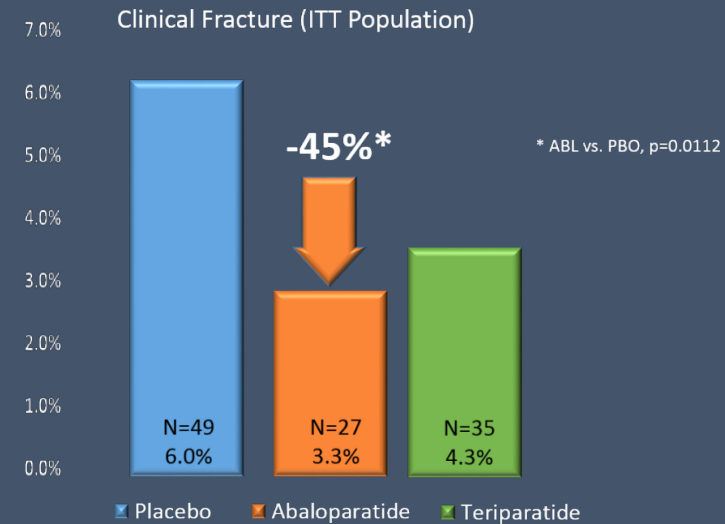
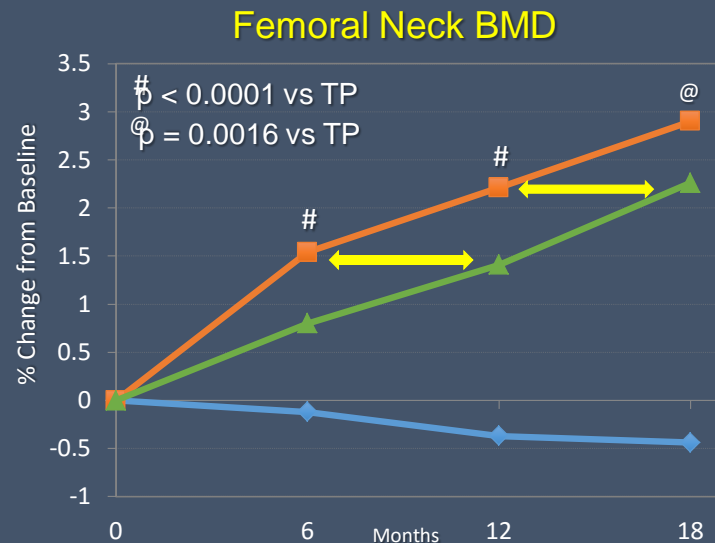
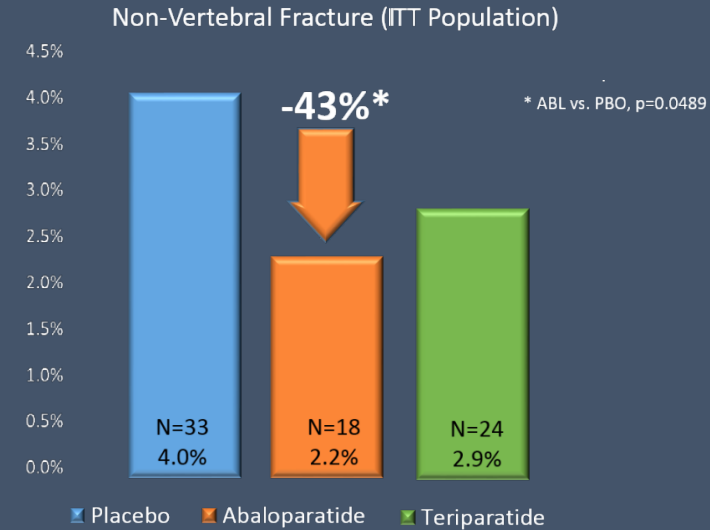
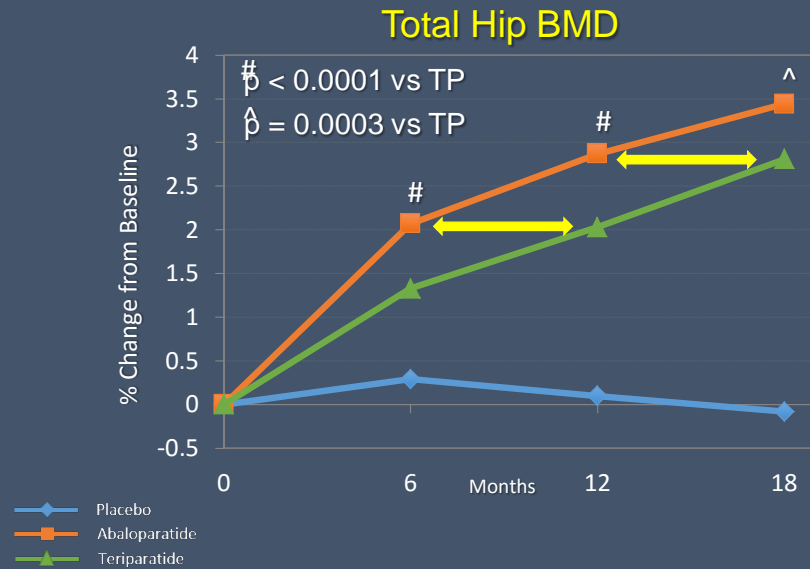
# Changes in BMD at the Spine and Reduction in New Vertebral Fractures: All 3 Groups



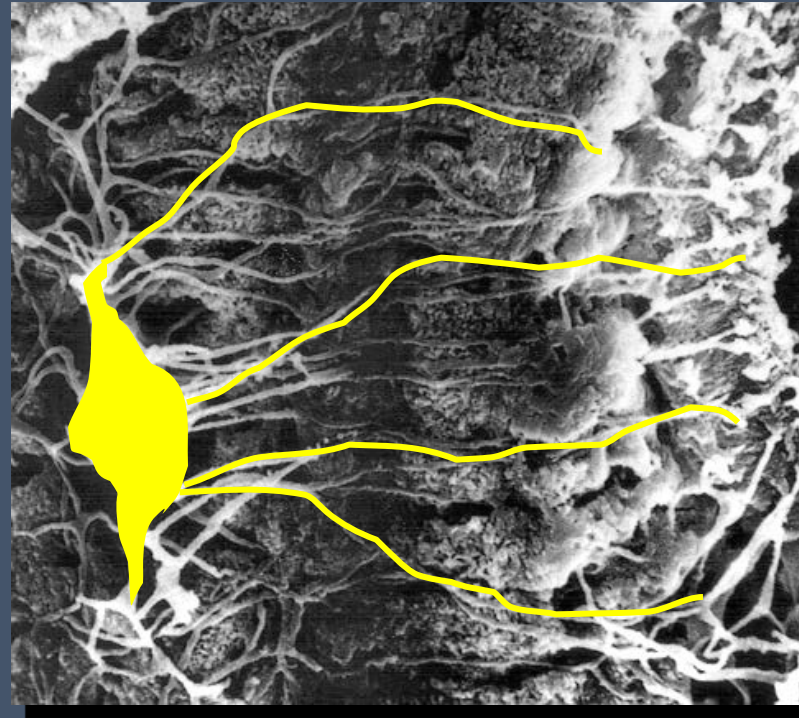
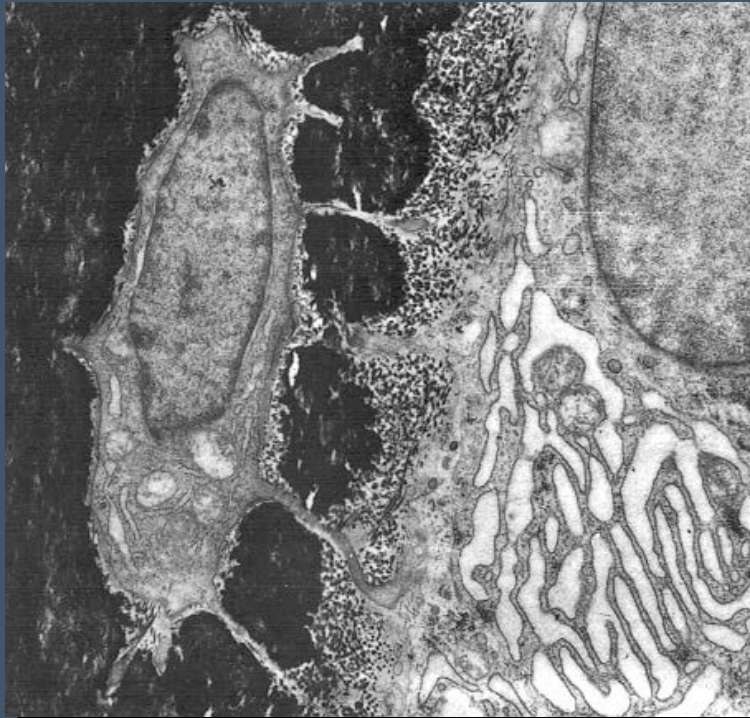
—◆— Placebo  
—■— Abaloparatide  
—▲— Teriparatide

(Miller et al. Endo Society, 3-15)

# Changes in BMD at Non-Vertebral Sites and NVF Risk Reduction: All 3 Groups

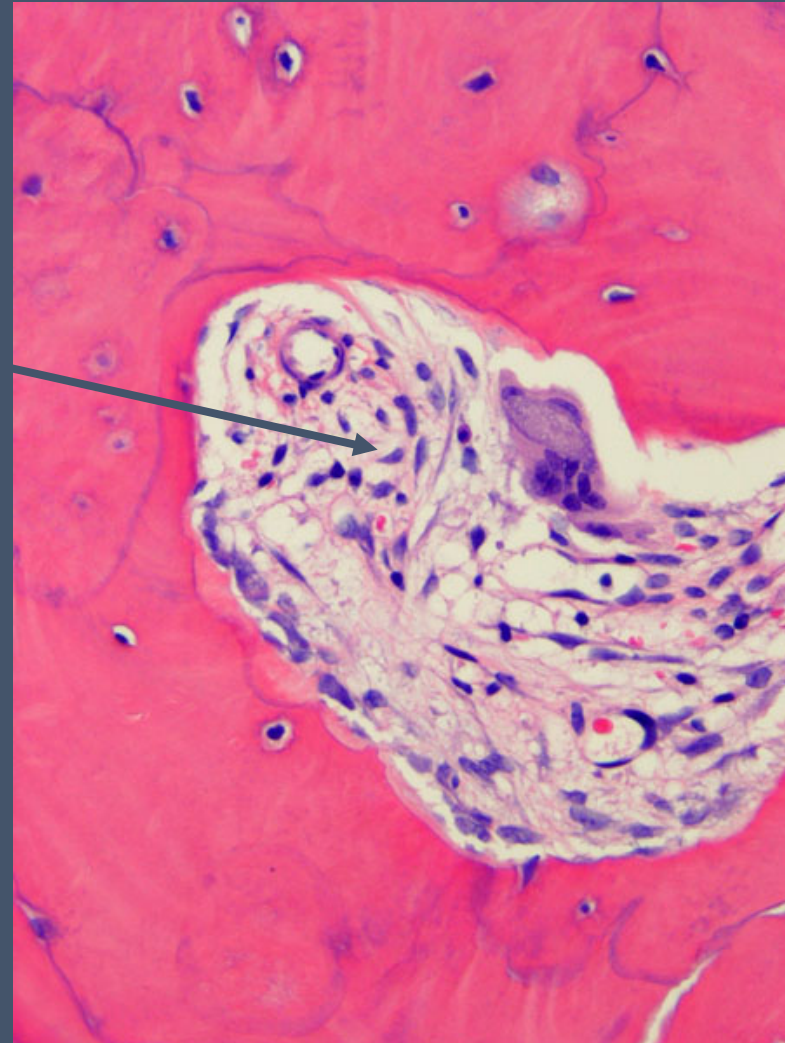


# Osteocyte – the mechanosensor

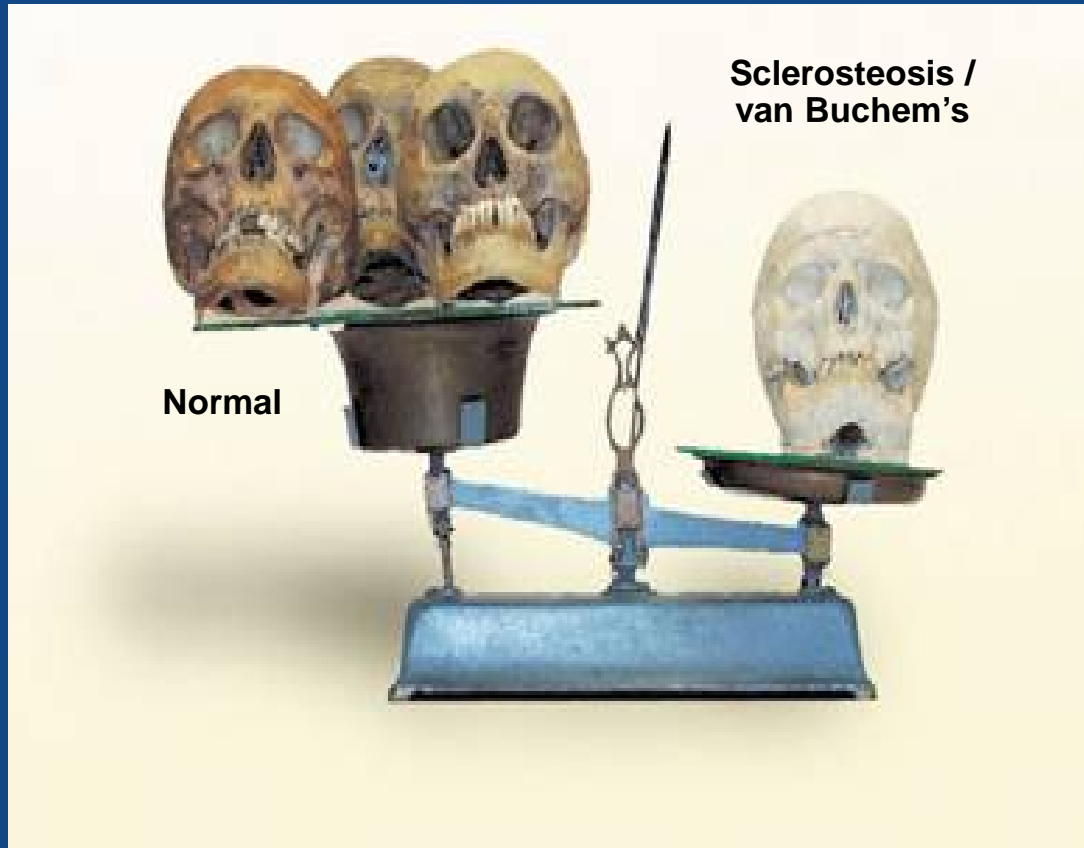


# Osteocytes

- Secrete sclerostin to limit bone marrow stromal cell differentiation into osteoblasts and inhibit bone formation



# Sclerosteosis



**Increased bone mass throughout skeleton.**

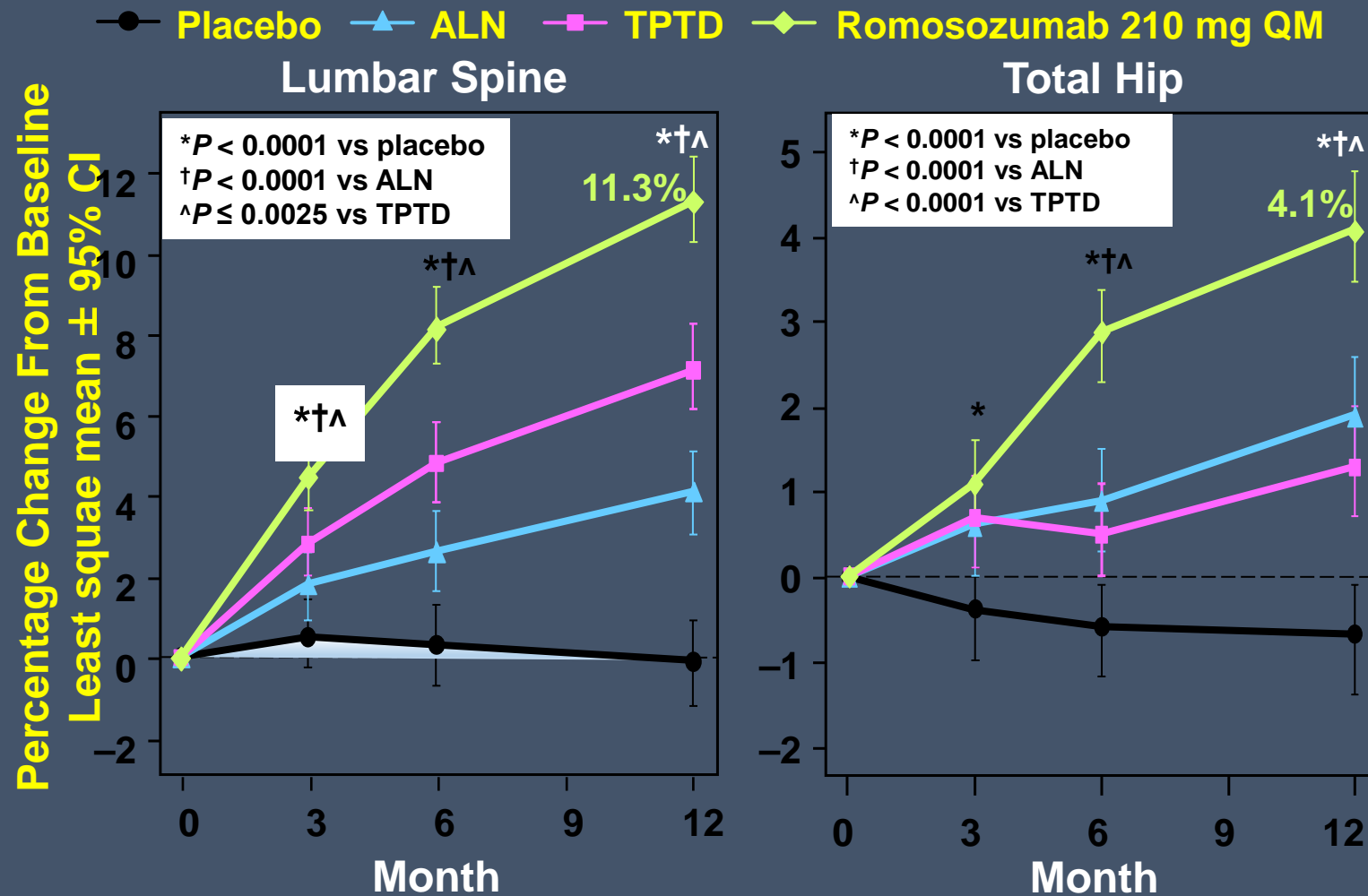
**Very low fracture risk**

**due to *absence* of sclerostin (SOST) - a bone formation inhibitor**

Photo: Janssens and Van Hul.  
*Hum Mol Genet.* 2002;11:2385-93.

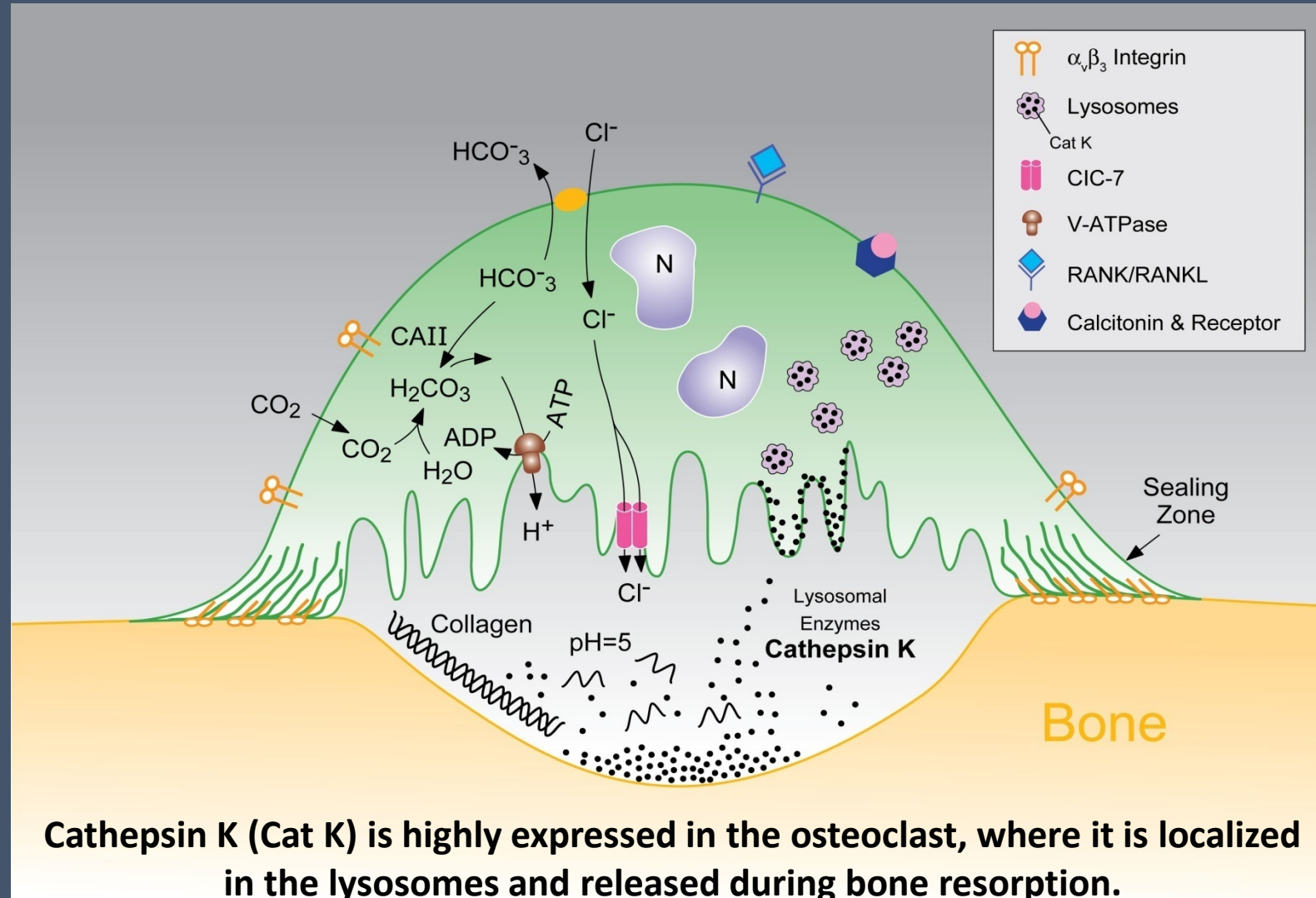
# Anti-Sclerostin Antibody (Romosozumab)

BMD – Phase2- effects on BMD\*

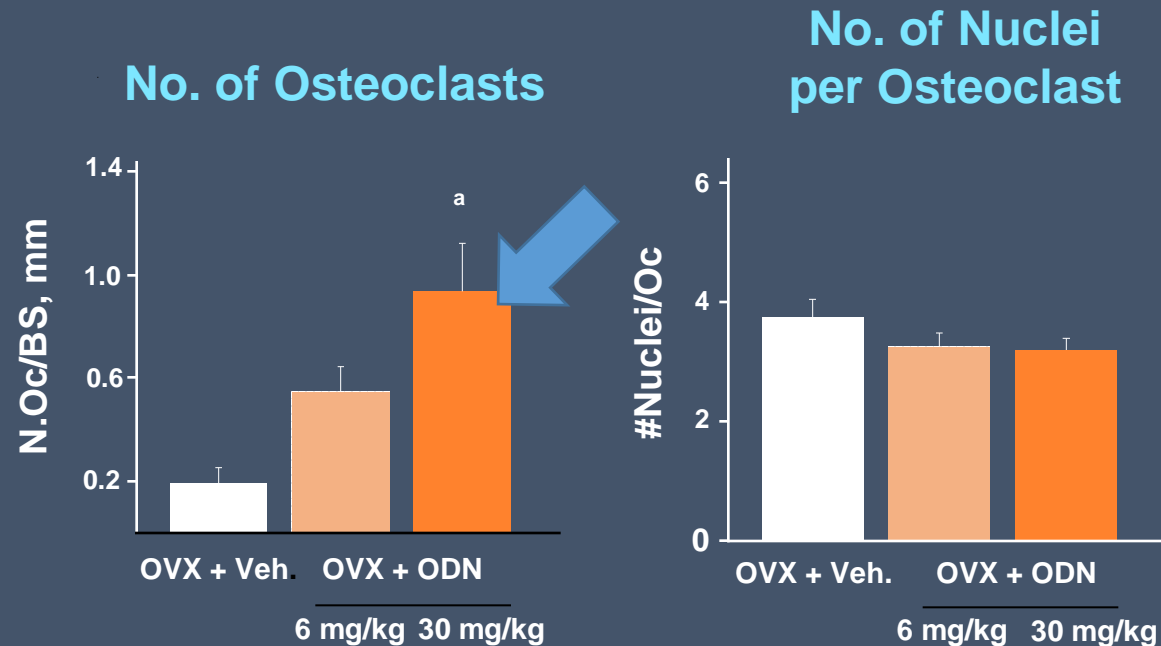
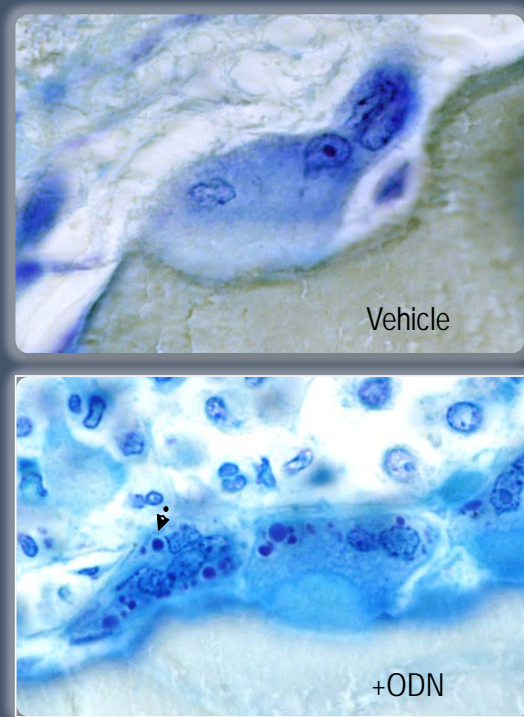




# Bone Resorption by Osteoclasts



# Odanacatib Treatment Increases Osteoclast Number in OVX Monkeys



- “Frustrated” osteoclasts with cytoplasmic granules containing degraded collagen fragments, TRAP, and other lysosomal enzymes

<sup>a</sup> $P < 0.05$  vs. Veh.

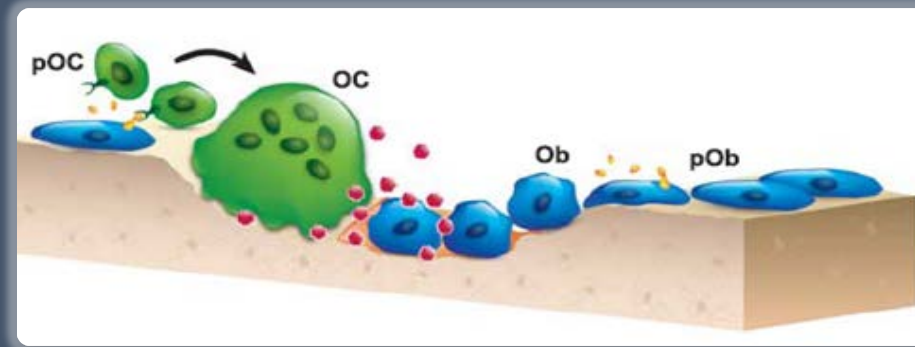
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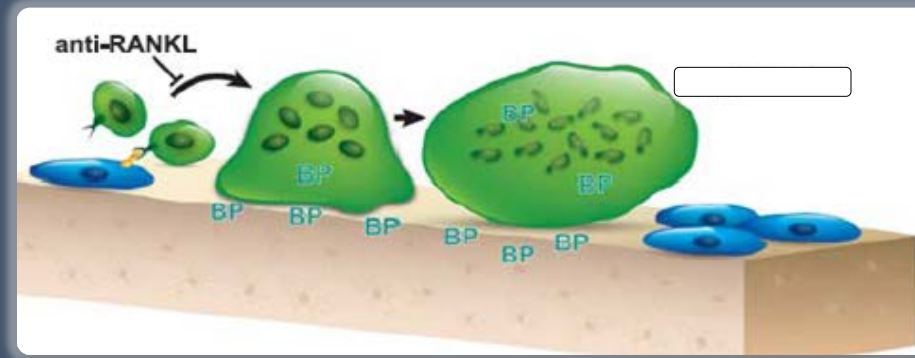
# Traditional Antiresorptives Reduce Bone Formation While Inhibiting Bone Resorption

- BPs: change OC morphology and decrease their activity
- Denosumab: reduces the number of OCs
- Both compounds: fewer resorption pits, reduced new bone formation

Vehicle

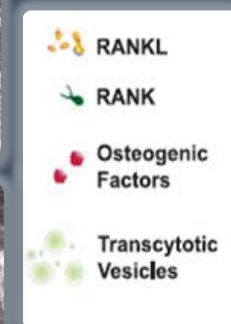
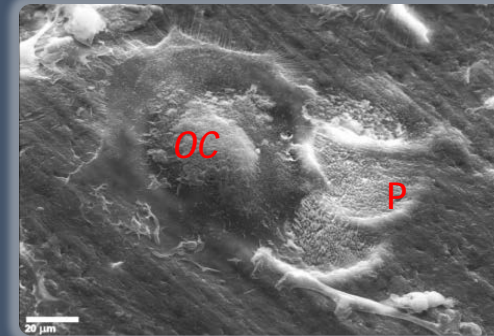
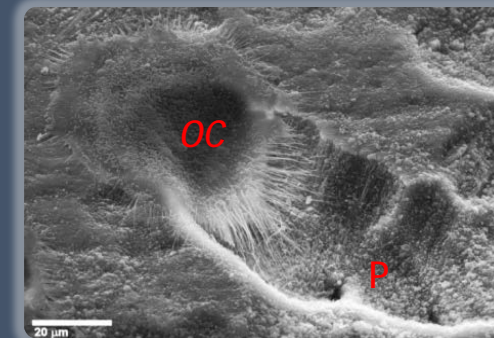
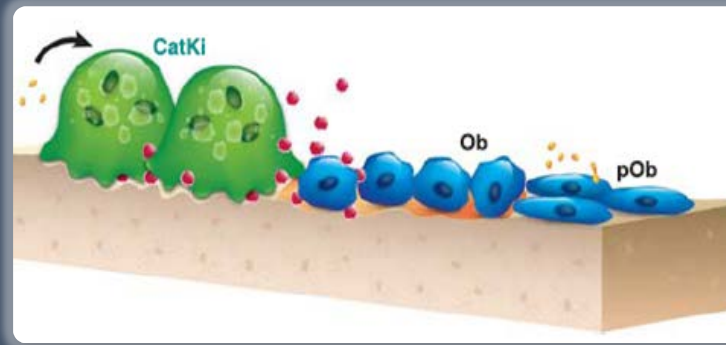
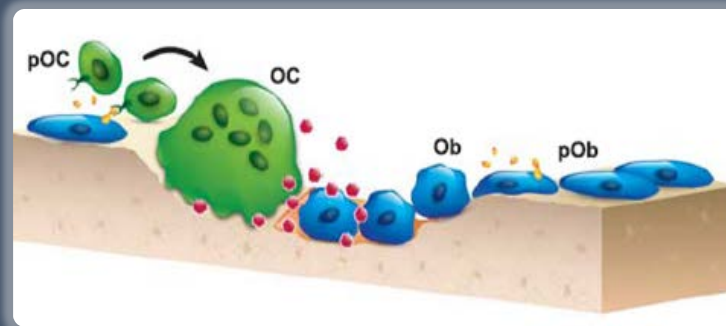


BP or denosumab



# Odanacatib Inhibits Bone Resorption While Preserving Bone Formation

- Odanacatib reduces the activity of Cat K in and outside the OC
  - Same number of resorption pits, but shallower
  - Does not alter signals back to the OB
  - Allows new bone formation to continue



Cat K = cathepsin K; pOC = pre-osteoclast; OC = osteoclast; Cat Ki = Cat K inhibitor; Ob = osteoblast; pOb = pre-osteoblast; P = resorption pit; RANK = receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B; RANKL = RANK ligand .

Duong LT. *BoneKEy Reports*.2012;1. Article no. 67.

Leung P et al. *Bone*. 2011;49:623–635.

# WHOM TO TREAT NOF GUIDELINES 2008

After exclusion of secondary cause, treat postmenopausal women and men age 50 and older who have...

## Osteoporosis

Clinical diagnosis: hip or spine fracture

DXA diagnosis: T-score -2.5 or below in the spine or hip

T-scores between -1.0 and -2.5 and increased fracture risk

Use FRAX® to estimate 10-year fx risk  
Treat if risk is  
≥3% for hip fracture or  
≥20% for major osteoporotic fractures

# Your Monday Morning Patient

- A 65 yo healthy postmenopausal women
- No history of low trauma fractures
- Takes 2,000 IU Vitamin D/day and a total of 1,200 mg daily calcium (600 mg/day via supplements)
- Exercises daily and does balance training
- No family history of osteoporosis
- Physical examination unremarkable but her measured height is 2" lower than her recalled maximum height at age 20 years ( with a T-score of -1.2).
- What next?

# Vertebral Fractures and Height Measurement



# The Single Greatest Practice Opportunity ?

Detection of asymptomatic vertebral compression fractures

# Asymptomatic Vertebral Compression Fractures

- 1. Represent 2/3 of VCF
- 2. In the absence of known trauma or the “dating” of the occurrence of VCF, represent a high risk in untreated patients for all osteoporotic vertebral and non-vertebral fractures
- 3. Increase prevalence with increasing age (70 years ~ 20% in women, 15% in men)
- 4. Acute and painful VCF merit an MRI to R/O pathological fracture
- 5. After a secondary workup, VCF merits pharmacological treatment; independent of the T-score or ICD-10 code and is “severe” osteoporosis

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# Laboratory Testing for Postmenopausal Osteoporosis

- Basic

- CBC, SMA-12, TSH, 25-OH D, 24 hr urine calcium, serum phosphorus
- Looking for anemia, hypercalcemia, CKD, elevated or low total alkaline phosphatase, hypophosphatemia, hyper or hypocalciuria

- Complex:

- Celiac antibodies
- PTH
- Immunofixation
- ESR
- Bone turnover markers (CTX, PINP)
- Bone specific alkaline phosphatase
- Bone biopsy



# Balance for Fall Prevention: Colorado Coalition for Fall Prevention

- 1. Balance progressively declines from age 65 years forward
- 2. Falls at home and fractures are the single greatest cause of the loss of independent living from age 70+
- 3. Consistent balance program improves balance and reduces fall risk
- 4. People who work on balance in a consistent way, when they do fall, they fall safer.

Silver Sneakers; Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, PT.....

## Treat the Person, Not Just Their Bones



*"The good physician  
treats the disease;  
the great physician  
treats the patient who  
has the disease."*

Sir William Osler

# Osteoporosis

- 1. Prevalence increasing as we age
- 2. BMD and Bone Quality are important in defining bone strength
- 3. Secondary etiologies are common (celiac, hyperparathyroidism, etc)
- 4. Risk prediction refined by better understanding of risk factors
- 5. Current and new therapies offer choices

# Thank You

Colorado Chapter of The ACP  
For the invitation

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